

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES



March 3 2021 / 7:00 PM / Webex

ATTENDEES

MIS Seniors, Members and Eboard

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

- Meeting with PwC

New Business

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NOTES

- Julia Moody
 - Switched from Accounting Junior Year
 - PwC
- Andrew Taylor
 - Started as an MIS major
 - Optum
- Jenna Mulett
 - Switched sophomore year from Marketing
 - Cigna
- Which classes did you find to be the most beneficial in your time at UConn?
 - Andrew
 - CS minor Classes, Web Dev Class in OPIM
- Do you have a minor? If so, what is it and how has it added to your experience as an MIS major?
 - Helped with MIS major minor like CS, GIS, Analytics
 - Analytics minor allows you to choose many OPIM electives
- Are there any skills you've obtained outside of class? Why are they important and how did you obtain them?
 - SoftSkills in IMA, Communication Skills,
 - Case Competition Class which is only offered as independent study, helped with teamwork, analytical skills and presentation skills
 - Participating in MIS case competitions

- If you had to give a fellow MIS major one piece of advice what would it be?
 - Get involvement in IMA, MIS case competitions that help meet people in MIS major
- What steps did you take to obtain a full-time position in the tech industry?
 - Julia: Cancelled internship, spent a lot of time networking with recruiters, following up, informing about applications
 - Andrew: Made a good impression in an internship and was asked to stay
- What are some prep tips you recommend specifically for MIS interviews?
 - Talk to Cathy Hendrickson at the Business Career Development Office
 - If you have technical interviews, explaining your reasoning and solution
 - Regular interviews: give examples of work you have done outside and inside the class
 - Use all valuable experiences you had in college
 - Get to know your interviewer because likability is key, they appreciate it and want to associate you with a person not just as an applicant
 - Talk about IMA to your recruiters because they might be Alumni of UConn or even IMA
- What are some companies you would recommend to apply to as an MIS major?
 - Burns and McDonnell
 - Deloitte
 - PwC
 - Cigna
 - Optum
 - Travelers
 - Rotational programs are a good place to start
- What advice do you have to give to non-MIS majors?
 - Don't be afraid to try new things, take action
 - Take a variety of classes
 - Get involved with your major, join clubs related to your majors
- Do you have any regrets regarding your major, minor, internships. Is there something you wish you did better or differently.
 - Julia: Started with MIS from freshmen year, get any internship to get familiar with the workforce
 - Jenna: GPA is not a big indicator of what kind of job you can get. Making sure you can apply your studies vs just getting grades
- What are the hardest and easiest classes you took at UConn?
 - Easy
 - OPIM3104
 - LING1010
 - ANTH1000
 - ECON1201
 - Hard
 - OPIM3222
 - Case Competition Class
 - CS minor classes
- Who are some staff in the school of business you recommend people go to for guidance, whether professional or personal?
 - Kathy Hendrickson
 - Jon Moore
- What's something you wish you knew early on in your MIS studies?
 - Put time into coding because you can do it if you just put time and your brain into it
 - Not as technical as expected with the first classes being Excel and Access

- Use google for programming
- Did you participate in the OPIM Innovate workshops and tech kits? How beneficial were they to acquiring skills?
 - Andrew: CTO for IMA run Lab Hours
 - Good way to introduce yourself into a new technology
- How important would you say IMA meetings are for underclass MIS majors?
 - Very beneficial when it comes to recruitment at big companies
 - Networking with MIS peers
- What is a job in data analytics like? What does a data analyst do?
 - Looking at the business problem
 - OPIM3221 can help you understand the role
- What should I be doing now to better myself for a job in data analytics?
 - Analytics Minor
 - Python
- How did it feel like starting your first internship, was it scary?
 - Felt like a classroom project
 - An adjustment to waking up early
 - Not that scary
- What resources/ organizations on/off campus have allowed you to exercise analytical skills?
 - OPIM Innovate
 - MIS Case Competition
 - UContact

ACTION ITEMS

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NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA

- OPIM Innovate R Demo